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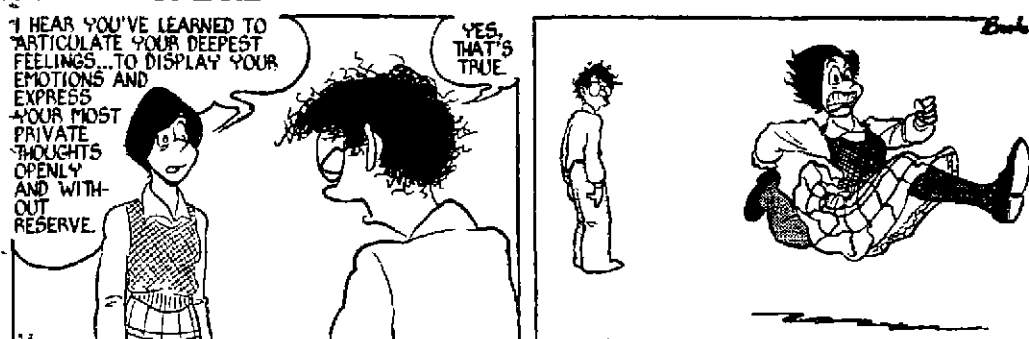
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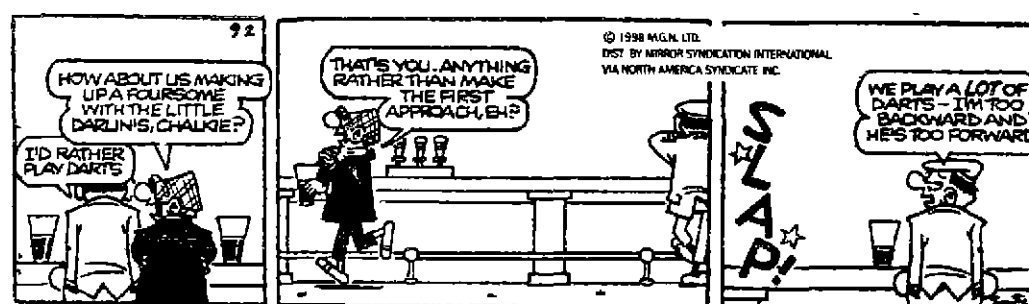
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



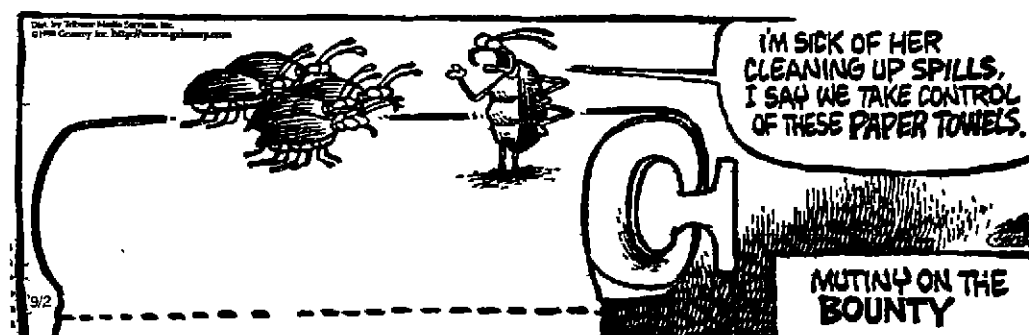
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



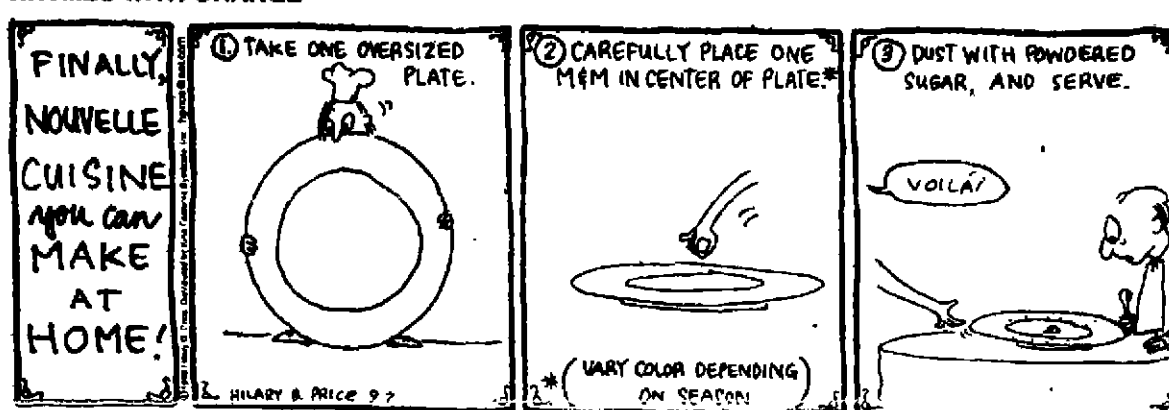
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



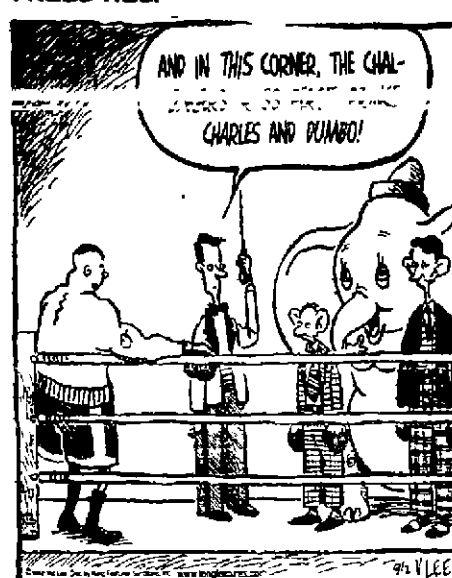
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author-conservator Amory is 81. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 59. Singer Joe Simon is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Terry Bradshaw is 50. Actor Mark Harmon is 47. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 46. Actress Linda Purl is 43. Rock musician Jerry Augsperger (10,000 Maniacs) is 40. Actor Keanu Reeves is 34.

I NEED HELP



Mike Tyson's return.

SCRABBLE

C	E	I	O	M	D	L	
S	A	E	P	E	S	L	
T	Z	A	E	P	B	H	Trade Word Score
T	F	E	L	S	F	L	Double Word Score

PAR SCORE 165-175
by JUDD
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Moran-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW
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WORD SLEUTH

Words containing "fat"

H V F S A Q N K H E B Y W T R
O L A J N R G E I L B Y W U R
P N T F O Y A K N U I G D B Z
X V B A N S R F F F D Q O M K
I G A T F E C O A E A A Y W U
S Q C U A R P N T I L T J H F
E C K I T A E T U A U Y H X V
U S Y T I L A T A F F O Q O P
N M K Y G F J H T L F E U E M
C B Z Y U X V U E U T R R S Q
P O M R E H T A F S B L K P I

Tuesday's unlisted clue COVER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint. MALE PARENT

Arafat	Fatback	Fatted	Nonfat
Butterfat	Fateful	Fatuity	
Fatal	Fathom	Fatuous	
Fatality	Fatigue	Infatuate	Sulfate

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Sept. 3, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Career opportunities will come knocking. Will you answer?
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find yourself butting heads with co-workers or housemates. It's not the best time to try to win a debate.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Grab your megaphone and tell it like it is. With the loudest voice, you are guaranteed to be heard.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Plan something romantic or surprising for someone you care about deeply.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Compromise and negotiations are key to a successful relationship. You will need to exercise these skills if you want to maintain peace.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your hard work behind the scenes will soon take center stage. Are you ready for the launch of your new skills?
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Creativity is in full flow, and you feel free not only to make something beautiful but to rearrange the system and make it wonderfully practical.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The people with whom you associate will affect your mood and your intellect.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Walk into a waterfall and feel the rush of nature surround you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't let it get to you! Work is very important, but if the office situation is less than perfect, consider seeking beauty and balance elsewhere.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Embrace the opportunity for a business dinner. The outcome will be well worth your efforts.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Time must be playing tricks on you. Learn to appreciate the value of time and make the most of it.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I made the standard lead with my heart holding," professed West. "Conceding an early trick improves my chances of running the suit if either of us has a quick entry." "Sounds good," answered East. "However, there is a flaw in your reasoning." What was the flaw? West led the heart queen with great hopes. Unless South or dummy had four hearts including the 10, West's suit would set up quickly. Unfortunately for West, dummy had the fatal holding, giving South a second heart stopper. This gave South time to score an overtrick, leaving South mulling about his poor luck. "When North didn't use Stayman, I was sure dummy wouldn't have four hearts," he whined. That alibi was even less valid than his reasoning behind his "unlucky" lead. With a flat hand and a minimum response, North had little reason to look for a 10-trick game. Why was West's lead a poor one? Because he held the club ace! Had he not held the ace, he could reasonably expect partner to win the lead once, justifying his opening lead. It could set up the suit quickly, and partner would have a heart to lead if he gained the lead. However, with West looking at the club ace, how could he expect partner to win a trick? Because he had the entry, West should have led his heart ace instead of the queen. After he sees dummy's heart holding, his best chance is to continue with a low one. South's king drops doubleton, and West gets his five winners.

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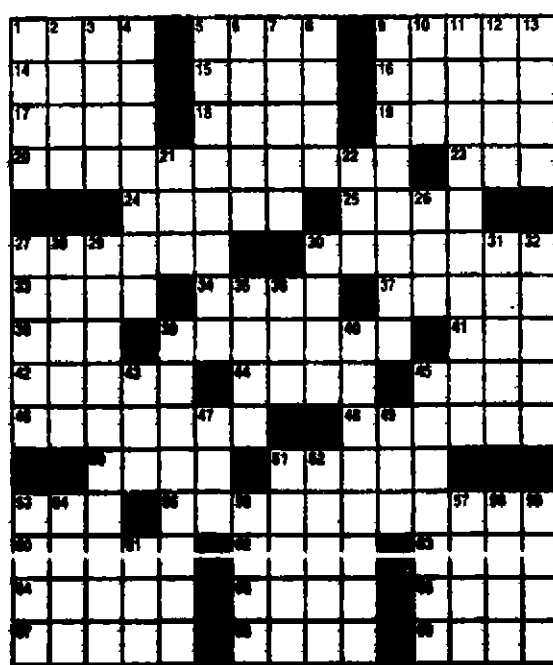
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ACROSS

- 1 Regal showing
- 8 Art's art
- 9 Kind of gun
- 14 Bahrami bigwig
- 15 Long-legged wader
- 16 Soft palate projection
- 17 Crucifix inscription
- 18 Grasslands
- 19 Quiche Lorraine ingredient
- 20 Like Richard I
- 23 Place for powder
- 24 Tony-winning actress Ginn
- 25 Do
- 27 Flamethrower fuel
- 28 Dignity or wherry
- 29 "Put — on it!"
- 34 Anent
- 37 The end of one's rope, maybe
- 38 Joplin composition
- 39 Lloyd Webber's "— of Love"
- 41 Poisonous Prefix
- 42 Give a shellacking
- 44 Additionally
- 46 With 66-Across, "Romeo Is Bleeding" star
- 48 Puffy people?
- 49 Kind of voyage
- 50 Hoopster Archibald
- 51 Leaf's breathing orifice
- 52 Cockpit abbr.
- 53 Like some
- 54 "Put — on it!"
- 55 Spacious
- 56 Humpbacked helper
- 57 Missile housing
- 58 Smart guys
- 59 — war bird (predatory flier)
- 60 See 45-Across
- 61 Not speaking to
- 62 Bushel and a peck
- 63 Undiluted

DOWN

- 1 Gardener's equipment
- 2 Former Atlanta arena
- 3 Joan of art
- 4 Pich on paper
- 5 Sophie's "choice" and others
- 6 Perpendicular to the keel
- 7 Bedside book
- 8 Gal Fri.
- 9 Steam bath followers
- 10 She married Mickey, Arlie and Frank
- 11 Like Chaplin's walk
- 12 Skin soother
- 13 Went off, in a way
- 14 prince
- 15 Author Umberto
- 16 Nigerian tribesman
- 17 They're always looking for deals
- 18 Burger's base
- 19 Like many a Rockwell kid
- 20 Enormous birds of myth
- 21 Together
- 22 Rose Petal, e.g.
- 23 Places to get 9-Down
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